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Dear George:

This is a somewhat delayed answer to your letter of October 14th.

Is this 1.5 million crowns the verification of the gift that you were discussing last summer? Or is it now a new project that will even further amplify your facilities? I was afraid that you would have to spend considerable time in planning your building program but perhaps you can face such tasks with more equanimity than I can. I hope so.

I am sure that if you wanted to make a point of it you could still follow your own wishes with regard to being away for an interval. Surely you must not feel enslaved by the various projects that you have going under your direction. However, you will obviously have to come to your own conclusions as to the wisdom of remaining on hand or taking a brief "vacation." In any case we would be very happy if you could arrange to come for the summer of 1961. It would be highly desirable to start making definite arrangements some time next spring. This is particularly true if we are to think in terms of the course program and your visiting lectureship. However, even if we are unable to make such definitive plans, I am sure that we could make other arrangements on relatively short notice. These would not be as satisfactory, I am sure, for either of us.

We were, of course, superbly delighted at the outcome of this year's Nobel Prize. We are hoping to see off the entire Kornberg family next Tuesday and it will not be long before you will be meeting them yourself. Needless to say the Nobel Committee could not possibly have made a more appropriate choice than it did this year! As you may imagine I am enjoying and profitting immensely from our new association with Kornberg and his Biochemistry Department. It will take some time before this becomes fully apparent but our own work is shifting more and more to the biological functions of DNA as a chemical entity.

George -- Is there any likelihood of your visiting the United States in 1960? We would be very pleased if we could make some arrangement that would enable you to visit us in California. We are just about to start a Transplantation Seminar as a regular feature of our teaching program and would be most delighted if you could make some contribution to this.

I was very distressed when I received Lazlo's letter concerning his visa problems. In fact, I started writing several letters dealing with it. However, Joe Kriss told me that it was essentially a technicality concerning his visa and that the matter would automatically straighten itself out. It is too bad this had to happen but I gather it will all work out in the end and we look forward to seeing him here.

As ever,